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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition.

I am currently connected to the internet by competitive DSL and have a competitive telephone service. After years with an earlier DSL service and in need of faster internet service I abandoned my DSL provider and tried the areas cable monopoly. A few short years of this purported high speed service, I turned to a new competitive DSL service and found it to outshine the cable service.

We in the United States deserve to have access to reasonably priced local broadband service as is enjoyed by many internet users in Europe and Asia. Please hold down the cost of internet and telephone service.

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